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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 9, 2001, in a format in accordance with the new rules, using clean copies of the Specification and Claims and also marked-up versions of such, kindly amend the Application as follows:

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 5 and 6 with the following:

The aromatic compound to be subjected to adsorptive separation according to the invention is an aromatic compound substituted with alkyl group([a]s) and/or halogen atoms(s). The aromatic compound includes a plurality of isomers. In cases where the boiling point difference between these isomers is small, the isomers are difficult to separate from each other through distillation. For the isomers, therefore, suitable is a method of separating them through adsorptive separation.

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